



Proposal 112

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I. Goals and Objectives

- Promote safety and security
- Increase accountability and transparency
- Modern, holistic approach to public safety, crime prevention, and mental health (addressing underlying systemic cause of crime, poverty and ill health)
- Cut bureaucracy, create efficiencies, and save taxpayer dollars

II. IMPD and IFD

- Direct Report: No bureaucracy between the Mayor and Chief of Police and Chief of Fire
- True Departments: IMPD and IFD elevated to full-fledged, separate city departments
- Core Mission: Ensures first-responders maintain their core mission – enforcement, protection and emergency response
- Result: Increases accountability and transparency

III. Elimination of Department of Public Safety

- Indiana Code § 36-3-4-23(a): “The city-county legislative body may, by ordinance: . . . create or terminate departments, divisions, offices, community councils, and other agencies of the consolidated city.”
- What about other places in law (or contracts) that reference public safety director?
 - The Mayor becomes the Director of Public Safety for all required purposes under statute, labor contracts, or other agreements and regulatory requirements

IV. A Public Health Approach

Part One

- Modern, comprehensive, and “over-the-horizon” approach to public safety, crime prevention and mental health
- Defined by the Center for Disease Control:
“The public health perspective asks the foundational questions: Where does the problem begin? How could we prevent it from occurring in the first place? To answer these questions, public health uses a systematic, scientific approach for understanding and preventing violence.”

IV. A Public Health Approach

Part Two

1. Defining the systemic problems
2. Using scientific research methods to identify risk factors and protective factors
3. Developing and testing preventative strategies
4. Assuring widespread adoption of the strategies that prove effective

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/overview/publichealthapproach.html>

V. Office of Public Health & Safety

Part One

- To institute this contemporary, encompassing, and effective approach to public safety, Proposal 112 creates the Office of Public Health & Safety
- Overseen by a Director
 - Appointed by the Mayor, after consultation with the Sheriff, and approved by the Council;
 - Small 1-2 person staff
 - Required to have public safety qualifications

V. Office of Public Health & Safety

Part Two

- Director's responsibilities:
 - Chief policy advisor on matters of public health and safety;
 - Coordinate efforts of local, state, federal agencies to address root causes of crime in a comprehensive way across jurisdictional silos;
 - Administrator over the divisions of the Office of Public Health and Safety.

V. Office of Public Health & Safety

Part Three

- Divisions of the Office of Public Health & Safety:
 - Public Safety Communications;
 - Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (“Indy EMS”);
 - Reuben Engagement Center;
 - Re-entry services.

V. Office of Public Health & Safety

Part Four

- Board of Public Health & Safety
 - Performs same function as the current Public Safety Board
 - For example, would still approve contracts of IMPD and IFD, along with divisions of Office of Public Health & Safety.
 - No change in appointments afforded to Council and Mayor

VI. ACC, CPCB, and DHS

- Animal Care & Control (“ACC”) would become a division of the Department of Code Enforcement – which better facilitates use of limited revenue from ACC fines and licenses to fund the agency.
- Citizens Police Complaint Board (“CPCB”) would be moved to the Mayor’s Office – which ensures more civilian oversight, independence, and accountability.
- Division of Homeland Security (“DHS”) would become a division of IMPD. Administrator of DHS would be appointed by the Chief of Police and detailed to Department of Public Health & Safety for purposes of planning and coordination.

VII. Fiscal

- Although cost savings are not the main reason for the restructuring, analysis conducted by DPS Director Wantz indicates savings of between \$300,000 - \$600,000 on the front end. These are identifiable personnel savings.
- Additional savings possible due to operational efficiencies and elimination of bureaucratic silos.

Conclusion

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QUESTIONS?